

Please **replace** paragraph [0001] found on page 1 of the specification with the following paragraph:

[0001] This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/416,907, filed October 8, 2002, and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/453,206, entitled Mobile Desalination Plant and System, A Method of Producing Desalinated Water, filed June 3, 2003, and converted to U.S. Provisional Application No. [] 60/505,341, filed July 14, 2003, the priority benefit each of which is claimed by this application, and each of which is incorporated in its entirety herein by reference.

Please **add** the paragraphs below in sequential order immediately following paragraph [0086] found on page 11 of the specification:

Figure 24 is a method according to another embodiment of the present invention.

Figure 25 is a method according to another embodiment of the present invention.

Figure 26 is a method according to another embodiment of the present invention.

Please **replace** paragraph [0119] found on page 17 of the specification with the following paragraph:

[0119] In an embodiment, the member ~~602~~ 601 can be lowered from and retracted to the vessel 101 by mechanical means, such as, for example, a hydraulic assembly. Alternatively, other suitable means can be used to lower and retract the member ~~602~~ 601, including those used in conventional maritime drilling operations. In another embodiment, the member ~~602~~ 601 can have sufficient mass and/or density that the member ~~602~~ 601 can be lowered from the vessel ~~602~~ 101 to a desired depth without mechanical assistance. Such member ~~602~~ 601 is generally retracted to the vessel 101 by mechanical means.